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THE ANGLO-FRENCH ADVANCE.

CONTINUED BRITISH PROGRESS.

London, April 7.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig re-
ports:—

We considerably progressed on a
front of 3,000 yards to the north of
Louvain and entered the enemy's lines
at a number of points, including to the
south east of Ypres, taking prisoners.

Our aeroplanes carried out several
day and night bombing raids, dropping
large quantities of explosives on
aerodromes, transport and a battery in
action. They destroyed three hangars
and hit a group of buildings in the
neighbourhood of an aerodrome and
successfully used their machine guns on
hostile tanks. They also destroyed a
kite balloon.

GERMANS THROW 7,500 SHELLS
INTO RHEIMS.

London, April 7.
A French official communiqué
reports:—

There was lively artillery activity,
particularly between the Somme and
the Oise and to the south of the
Artois river and to the north-west
of Rheims.

The Germans yesterday and yester-
day night, threw 7,500 shells into
Rheims. Fifteen civilians were
killed and many wounded.

London, April 8.

A French official report states:—
There have been intermittent artillery
and patrol encounters between the
Somme and the Aisne.

In the region of Lombray, our
troops penetrated at two points the
enemy positions and found numerous
German corpses in the trenches wrecked
by our fire.

Enemy surprise attacks in the regions
of Celles and Lartizen, Alsace, were
easily repulsed with losses.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, April 8.

A German official message, trans-
mitted by wireless, reports:—

We repulsed strong reconnoitring
detachments in hand-to-hand fighting
to the south-east of Ypres.

There was lively artillery activity
against St. Quentin, and several hits
threw the Cathedral.

A fresh French attack near Laffaux
broke down with heavy losses.

We destroyed yesterday thirteen
enemy aeroplanes.

Our fire on the east bank of the
Vardar averted an English attack.

Our enemies lost, during March,
on all fronts, 161 aeroplanes and 19

balloons, of which our aerial attacks
destroyed 143 and 19 respectively.

We lost 45 aeroplanes.

LONDON, April 8.

The Admiralty announces:—

Naval seaplanes on the night of April
7-8, bombed Zeebrugge Mole.

Naval and Military aeroplanes attack-
ed ammunition dumps at Ghent and
Bruges. All returned safely.

The same night, off Zeebrugge, we
torpedoed two destroyers. One sank
the fate of the second is uncertain,
but it was severely damaged.

We suffered no casualties.

FRESH TROUBLES IN GREECE.

London, April 7.

There are some indications that fresh
troubles are brewing in Greece.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED.

London, April 7.

A Russian communiqué reports:—
North of Brzezany, after artillery
preparation, the enemy attacked but
were repulsed.

To the south-west of Brzezany, our
mine explosion wrecked hostile
trenches which our patrols captured
and held, repulsing counter-attacks.

We attacked, with gas discharge,
in the same region.

The enemy, to the west of Tom-
natzk, after strong artillery prepara-
tion, entered our trenches but were
immediately dislodged.

London, April 8.

A Russian official message, transmitted
by wireless, states:—

We repulsed two attacks to the south
east of Brzezany.

The Rumanians repelled an offensive
in the region of Monestirka Kachenul.

GOOD WORK BY RUSSIAN TORPEDO-BOAT.

London, April 8.

A Russian official message by wire-
less, says:—

One of our torpedo-boats landed
troops at the mouth of the River Terme,
to the east of Sarasin, and burnt a
Turkish observation post.

The same torpedo-boat captured ten
schooners with valuable cargoes, and
brought them to Trebizond.

One of our submarines sank a schooner
in the Bosphorus.

THE SUBMARINE WAR.

AN INTERVIEW WITH LORD
ROBERT CECIL.

Paris, April 8.

Le Petit Parisien publishes an
interview with Lord Robert Cecil, the
Minister of Blockade, in connection
with the submarine war. Lord Cecil

said that this blockade is a complete
avowal of Germany's weakness and
proof that she has really abandoned
hope of ever obtaining a favourable
decision on land; and, furthermore,
it indicates that she is aware of the
impossibility of successfully disputing
the Allied mastery of the seas. He

admitted that the mercantile losses
were important, but they were less
serious than Germany had antici-
pated. The Allies were accustomed
to talk about the many victims of
German piracy, but they did not
talk about the pirates' losses.

"Although I am unable to give
particulars of the enemy losses, I
can state that between February 21
and April 1, 49 engagements occurred
between British ships and German
pirates, while since February 1, the
total fights numbered over 90."

THE POSITION OF HUNGARY.

Brussels, April 8.

Count Tisza, in the course of a
remarkable and outspoken article in the
newspaper Budapesti Ujszo, states
that the events in Russia have awakened
the hope that Hungary will receive
a worthy recompense for her deeds
and privations. Such a reward must
be a true and lasting peace which we
are always ready to receive. Nevertheless,
the people must be prepared to suffer
as they have done hitherto, since the
last harvest is worse than ever.


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INTIMATIONS
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ST. GEORGE'S DAY,
 APRIL 23rd, 1917.
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 In case applications exceed the accommodation of the Theatre, the number of seats will necessarily be for a smaller number of seats than are applied for.
 In the Dress Circle, a limited reservation has been made for Official Guests, and other seats have been sold by auction; the remainder of the Dress Circle and the whole of the Stalls will be available.
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 Dated, Hongkong, 31st March, 1917.
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BENJAMIN & POTTS.
 Hongkong, April 2, 1917. 1634
HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.
 THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion on THURSDAY, April 12th at 5.15 P.M.
 Clubs interested are invited to send representatives.
F. LINDSAY WOODS,
 Acting Hon. Secretary.
 Hongkong, April 4, 1917. 1640

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
NOTICE.
 THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members will be held on SATURDAY, the 1st April, 1917, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Offices of the Jockey Club on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.
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T. F. HOUGH,
 Clerk of the Course.
 Hongkong, April 5, 1917. 1649

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 Hongkong, March 19, 1917. 1652

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THE WAR.
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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.
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UNITED STATES AT WAR.
PRESIDENT SIGNS THE WAR RESOLUTION.

WASHINGTON, April 7.
 The President has signed the war resolution passed by Congress.
 It is now officially intimated that America is at war with Germany.
THE PROCLAMATION.
A WARNING TO ALIENS.
 In a Proclamation President Wilson recites the statutes, which provide that in the event of war the native subjects of a hostile nation naturalized and above fourteen years of age are liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured and removed as alien enemies. The President is authorized to regulate accordingly.

The President specially directs all civil and military officers to exercise vigilant zeal in the discharge of their duty incident to a state of war and earnestly appeals to all citizens to uphold the laws of the land and to give undivided and willing support to those measures which have been adopted by the constitutional authorities, in prosecuting the war to a successful issue and in obtaining a secure and just peace.

The President enjoins alien enemies to preserve peace towards the United States, to refrain from crimes against public safety violating the laws of the United States, and to refrain from actual hostilities, or giving information, aid or comfort to the enemies of the United States, and affirms that so long as they conduct themselves in accordance with the law they will not be disturbed in the peaceful pursuit of their lives and occupations and will only be subject to the restrictions necessary for their own protection and the safety of the United States. It also exhorts citizens to treat alien enemies with friendliness compatible with their loyalty and allegiance and warns the latter of the prescribed penalties if they misconduct themselves.

The Proclamation prohibits alien enemies from possessing any form of firearms, aircraft, explosive, wireless apparatus, signaling device, cipher or invisible written document. It prohibits the approach within a mile and a half of naval and military stations and munition factories; it prohibits publication of any attack or threat against the Government of Congress, or against any military, naval or public official. The President is empowered to designate prohibited residential areas, also to remove suspected alien enemies to a location, or order their deportation. Alien enemies are forbidden to depart for or land in the United States without a permit and registration, and it is provided that suspects are liable to summary arrest and confinement in a place of detention.

FIRST EMERGENCY WAR CREDIT
 \$100,000,000.

WASHINGTON, April 7.
 The Senate has voted the first emergency war credit of one hundred million dollars to be spent at President Wilson's discretion.
 Senator Lodge introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary for War to issue all available rifles and ammunition to the Home Guards throughout the United States.

U.S. WAR PREPARATIONS.

VAST SUMS TO BE SPENT.
 WASHINGTON, April 7.
 It is stated that the Government is prepared to spend \$250,000,000 on initial war preparations in addition to lending far vaster sums to the Allies.

Secretary McAdoo has published the first war budget, including \$258,000,000 for raising and training one million men within a year, \$235,000,000 for increasing the effectiveness of the Navy, \$58,000,000 for expenditure on naval materials. The income tax will probably be trebled; with possible surtaxes on income over £20,000 sterling. The industrial mobilization of the country is already in an advanced stage. Thirty-two thousand companies have offered their factories to the Government and the Federation of Labour will undertake to supply trained workmen.

AMERICAN RECRUITING.
STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, April 7.
 President Wilson in a statement approving the military legislation proposed by the War Department, says the Regular Army and National Guard will be brought up to war strength by additional forces of whom the first half million will be authorized immediately and later increments of half a million as needed. The term of enlistment will be for the period of the present emergency. The Regular Army and National Guard will be recruited voluntarily and the additional forces will be raised by selective drafts from men of 19 to 25 years of age, the quotas of the several States being in proportion to their population. President Wilson emphasizes that the above legislation does not attempt to solve the question of a permanent military policy.

The President's statement concludes: "The hope of the world is that when the European war is over, arrangements will have been made for composing the many questions which have hitherto seemed to require the arming of the nations, and that the peace of the world will be maintainable by co-operations of force among the great nations to secure peace and freedom throughout the world. When these arrangements for a permanent peace have been made we can determine our military needs and adapt our course of military preparation to the genius of the world organized for justice and democracy."

GERMAN SHIPS IN U.S. SEIZED.

REASON FOR SEIZURE.
 New York, April 6.
 The German merchantmen at New York, Boston and Baltimore have been seized. Those at all other ports, totaling 91, will probably likewise be seized. Official orders do not state how the vessels are to be employed.

WASHINGTON, April 6.
 It is officially explained that the seizure of German merchant ships has been ordered for the protection of the ships themselves and the adjoining property.
 The tonnage of the seized vessels amounts to 600,000 tons and the future employment of the ships is being considered.

DANGEROUS GERMANS ARRESTED.
 It is understood that the seized German vessels will be regarded as the property of the United States to be paid for after the war.

WASHINGTON, April 7.
 Orders have been issued for the arrest of sixty-five Germans.

WIRELESS STATIONS SEIZED.
 All wireless stations in American territory have been seized and will be utilized by the Government.



U.S. FOOD SUPPLIES.

WASHINGTON, April 7.
 The Senate has passed a resolution directing the Secretary of Agriculture to submit suggestions for increasing the nation's food supplies.
 Speakers in the debate declared that the War may last for years and expressed the opinion that the United States would be able to raise two and a half times the amount of food needed for itself.

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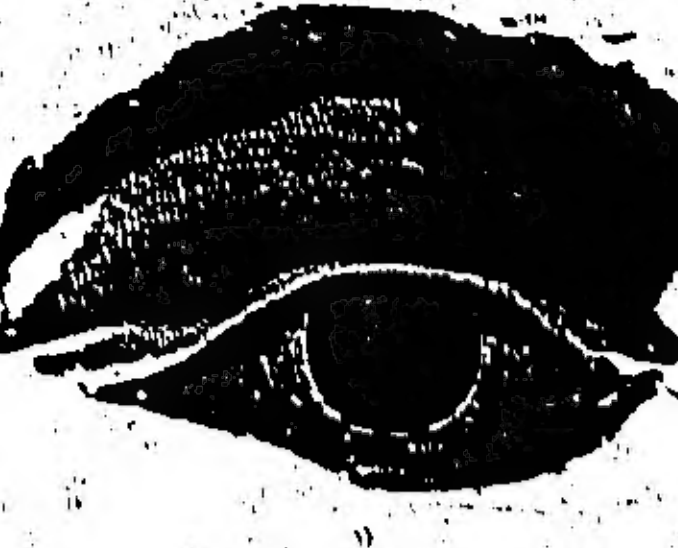
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TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from p. 2.)

BRITISH WAR CABINET'S MESSAGE TO AMERICA.

LONDON, April 8.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Lloyd George) received a number of American Press representatives at No. 10 Downing Street, and dictated on behalf of the War Cabinet a message to the American people as follows:—

America at one bound has become a World Power in a sense she never was before. She waited until she found a cause worthy of her traditions.

The American people held back until fully convinced that they could fight in a solid, unflinching manner.

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In glowing phrases the President's noble deliverance will illumine the horizon and make clearer than ever the goal we are striving to reach.

"Of the three phrases which will stand out for evermore in the story of this crusade the first is that 'The world must be made safe for democracy.'"

The next is that 'The measure to the power of freedom lies in the existence of democratic governments backed up by organized force which is controlled wholly by their will and not by the will of their people.'"

And the crowning phrase is that in which the President declares that, 'A steadfast concert for peace could never be maintained except by partnership of the democratic nations.'"

These words represent the faith which inspires and sustains our people in the tremendous sacrifices they have made and are still making. They also believe that the unity and peace of mankind can only rest upon democracy, upon the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government, upon respect for the rights and liberties of nations both great and small and upon the universal dominion of public right. To all these the Prussian military autocracy is an implacable foe.

The Imperial War Cabinet, representative of all the peoples of the British Empire, wish me "on their behalf to recognise the civility and courage which calls the people of the United States to dedicate the whole of their resources to the service of the greatest cause that has ever engaged human endeavour."

MR. ASQUITH'S STIRRING MESSAGE.

Mr. Asquith addressed the following message to the American people:—

There is not a man among us who does not breathe more freely now he knows that, through the action of the President and Congress of the United States, the whole of the English-speaking races are to fight as comrades side by side in the most momentous struggle in history. The President's speech will live in the annals of eloquence as a worthy and noble exposition of the grounds and aims of a great national resolve.

The people of the United States have been forced, as the United Kingdom was, into a struggle which in neither case was of our own seeking. They have realised, as we realise, that the choice lay between peace with humiliation and war with honour.

Mr. Asquith then proceeded to point out that no middle course was possible and dwelt particularly on the President's cogent utterances with regard to the high-minded motives which had animated the Allies. He declared that Americans were now dedicating their lives and fortunes, like we have already done, to a great purpose, conscious that they are listening to and obeying one of those supreme calls which come rarely in history, but which when they come sound in the ears of a community of free men with a note of imperious command.

BRAZILIAN RUPTURE CERTAIN.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 7.

The police are guarding Austrian and German business houses and consulates as a precaution against attacks by the crowds. A rupture is regarded as certain.

CUBA AND GERMANY.

HAVANA, April 7.

The President has sent a message to Congress asking it to declare that a state of war exists between Cuba and Germany.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH ADVANCE.

RHEIMS AGAIN BOMBARDED.

LONDON, April 7.

A French communiqué says:—Between the Somme and Oise and north of Soissons there have been artillery engagements at different points, but no infantry action has occurred north-west of Rheims.

We continued to advance by bombing to the west of Saignes.

The enemy violently bombarded Rheims.

In Argonne a successful coup de main is recorded at Fille Morie.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

MANY GERMAN DEAD NEAR ST. QUENTIN.

LONDON, April 6.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We carried the village of L'Empire to the north of St. Quentin and took some prisoners. Many German dead were found.

We progressed further to the north-east of Soreuil and drove off a counter-attack after stiff fighting.

The enemy's severe losses of the past week between St. Quentin and Arras are evidenced by large numbers of dead in many localities.

Our aeroplanes in the course of several long-distance raids successfully bombed important railway junctions, munition depots and aerodromes.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES.

LONDON, April 7.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters in France reports:—Our gunfire, last Wednesday, near Arras, caused one of the most terrific explosions experienced in this war.

Behind the German line a sheet of flame 300 feet high leaped into the air. The ground quaked for miles around and our aircraft report that their machines at Seneffe swooped like ships caught in a tidal wave.

It is believed that a great munition-warrior depot was touched off by our guns as this is situated amidst a regular nest of German gun positions. The damage must have been immense.

Another feature of the past week has been the success of our airmen.

THE BRITISH ARMY AND AMERICA'S PARTICIPATION.

LONDON, April 7.

The army as a whole has not yet realised the colossal significance of America's participation. The mental vision of the fighting men is blurred by smoke and the din of battle, and is largely restricted to beating the enemy. The Canadians however quickly grasped the glorious truth and indulged in demonstrative enthusiasm.

Reuter's correspondent conveyed the first news to the South African contingent when they were reviewed by General Smuts, and they agreed more or less mutely that it was "jolly good news." One officer was enthusiastic but he was obliged to acknowledge that he had won a bet.

HEAVY AEROPLANE LOSSES.

LONDON, April 7.

A German official message, transmitted by wireless, reports:—We heavily repulsed a French attempt to recapture the lost trenches near Saignes. Three French attacks at Malancourt Wood failed.

Strong enemy aerial forces carrying out aerial reconnaissance suffered severely, losing yesterday 44 machines. Five of our airmen did not return.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, April 7.

A French communiqué reports:—There was violent artillery activity but no infantry actions in the Aisne and Gueules region.

We further progressed to the north of Thaulcourt.

A German reconnaissance caught out five to the north-east of Soissons and was dispersed.

There was great artillery activity on both sides to the north-east of Berry-au-Bac.

Our aeroplanes successfully bombed enemy establishments at Dinvelt, Spincourt and elsewhere.

The German bombardment of Rheims killed ten civilians, including three women.

500,000 MORE MEN FOR BRITISH ARMY.

LONDON, April 7.

The Times says it is understood that the Government hopes to obtain the most of the half a million men required for the Army without fresh legislation. Young men are pressingly needed and it is not anticipated that the age limit will be raised.

RUSSIA'S WAR CRIES.

MOSCOW, April 7.

A splendid start-off was given to the first troops sent from here since the revolution. Workmen distributed several thousand roubles among the soldiers, while bands played the 'Marseillaise.' The troops carried red banners inscribed: 'For free Russia.' 'For the Future Republic.' 'Down with William.' 'War to Victory.' Units formed of ex-politicians and gentlemen are being sent to the front.

GENERAL SMUTS VISITS WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, April 6.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters reports that General Smuts has inspected the South Africans at the Western Front.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

LONDON, April 7.

A British official despatch from Salonika states:—Our naval and military aeroplanes, on several occasions bombed the aerodrome and ammunition dumps at Hadzova from a height of 400 feet, causing fires and doing considerable damage.

We repulsed on the night of March 31st an attempted trench raid by the enemy.

THE LIBERATION OF BAGHDAD.

LONDON, April 7.

Natives of Baghdad residing at Marseilles have sent £200 to the British Red Cross Society in grateful recognition of the liberation of Baghdad from the Turkish yoke.

ELECTORAL REFORM FOR PRUSSIA.

AMSTERDAM, April 7.

The reform of the Prussian electoral law is to be expected after Easter.

SOUND ADVICE TO YOUNG INDIANS.

LONDON, April 7.

The Indian delegates were given a reception by the National Indian and Northbrook Societies.

The Maharajah of Bikanir said he was especially pleased to meet the young students among his fellow countrymen on whom devolved the responsible task, not only of serving the Motherland in the future, but of helping to strengthen and foster the cordial relations between East and West so essential to the well-being of the British Empire. India must always remember her membership of the Great Empire to which they were all proud to belong. The Premiers and Ministers of the self-governing Dominions had joined in the warmest possible welcome to them. His young countrymen might be assured of the goodwill of all parts of the Empire to India and Indians.

Sir S. P. Sinha said the students had the honour and loyalty of India in their keeping. Let them not be tarnished. The best way to serve the Motherland was to show the English that they were devoted sons of the Empire.

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GEORGE E. ANDERSON
Consul General.
Hongkong, April 9, 1917.

THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS. FOR TO-DAY.
5.30 p.m.—Clark's Circus Matinee Performance.
9.15 p.m.—Performance by Clark's Circus at Kowloon.
9.15 p.m.—Paul Dufault's Concert in the Theatre Royal, City Hall.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.
12.30 p.m.—Auction of Seats for "Scenes from Shakespeare" on St. George's Day.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 11—
Holidays close for Gymkhana on April 11st.

THURSDAY, April 12—
5.15 p.m.—H.K. Tennis League's Annual General Meeting.

FRIDAY, April 13—
10.40 a.m.—Auction of Dress Materials, Serge, Sheets, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. at "The Homestead," 43 The Peak.

SATURDAY, April 14—
10 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. of the late Mr. A. H. Hewitt at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.
10.30 a.m.—Auction of one Motor and three Pianos at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.
St. Joseph's College Sports at Race Course, Happy Valley.

SATURDAY, April 21—
Noon.—Half-Yearly Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club.
Gymkhana Club's Meeting at Race Course, Happy Valley.

MONDAY, April 23—
Morning, sale of Badges.
Afternoon, Five and Calf at Volunteer Headquarters.
9.15 p.m.—"Scenes from Shakespeare" at Theatre Royal.

THE 'CHINA MAIL'

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THIS CHINA MAIL, LONDON.

DEATHS.

DEAD.—At Shanghai on April 1. Gladys Edith Reed, wife of J. D. Reed, of the Shanghai Nanking Railway.

MCGREGOR.—On April 2 at the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai, Robert (Bobbie), 6 years of age, beloved son of H. McGregor and wife, of the McGregor Linoleum Works, Cremated same day.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, Monday, April 9, 1917.

DEMOCRACY v AUTOCRACY.

It has been said with some show of reason that the developments in the war during the past few weeks, notably the Revolution in Russia and the entry of the United States into the war on the side of the Allies—have shown that it is a fight between systems of government rather than a quarrel between peoples. The German view—the view of NIETZSCHE, as re-stated recently by Dr. Oskar Levy, the English translator of NIETZSCHE's work, and his greatest champion—is that "this war will result in strengthening the opposition to democracy."

The peacefulness of democracy does not arise from strength, but from weakness; its teachings increase the number of weak people in responsible positions, and experience proves that weak people are prone to quarrel. Democracy suppresses great men. It claims to wish to give every one a chance; you give no one a chance. If everybody is somebody, nobody is anybody. The disciples of NIETZSCHE are possibly beginning to realise by now that it is not faith in democracy which this great war will shake to its foundations, but the Prussian system of government wherever it may exist.

"Mene, mene, totel Eupharasia" is written all around the frontiers of Germany. The KAISER has read the warning, and late in the day, he is striving to save his Throne by a grudging concession to the demands of Democracy in Germany itself. His electoral proposals are intended to be "applicable after the war," but the probability is that the end of this war will come only after they have been conceded by the Government, or rather wrung from it.

"If the Germans dethrone their Emperor," says one of the leading members of the new Russian Government, "it will facilitate pourparlers, because peoples come to an understanding quicker than monarchs." America's participation and the Russian Revolution combine to shape events towards that ending of the war.

While the war has resulted in the overthrow of the Russian monarchy and threatens the Thrones of the Teuton monarchs—it is a striking and significant fact that the British Throne was never more secure than it is to-day. TENNYSON in his famous Ode to Queen VICTORIA expressed the secret of that security when he wrote:

"Statesmen at her council met
Who knew the seasons when to take
Occasion by the hand, and make
The bounds of freedom wider yet."

By shaping some august decree,
Which kept her Throne unshaken still,
Broad-based upon her people's will,
And compassed by the inviolate sea.

It is a well-understood maxim of the British Constitution that for all administrative actions the Ministers are directly responsible. It is a maxim which was most scrupulously observed by Queen VICTORIA, and by King EDWARD and it has been conspicuously regarded by King GEORGE, with the result that throughout the wide Dominions of the Crown the attachment to the Throne and person of His Majesty the KING is to-day stronger and deeper than it ever was. The views expressed by Sir CHARLES LUCAS and the Hon. W. P. SHERRIFFER at the meeting at Claxton Hall, reported in a telegram to-day, undoubtedly represent the views commonly held in all parts of the British Dominions. The personality of the KING is a great, unifying force in a widely-scattered Empire such as ours. As Sir Charles LUCAS observed, the KING stands for the British race and the continuity of the Empire. The war has supplied the most magnificent proof of this in the way that armies of men from all parts of the Empire have clustered round to fight for his personality and the glorious traditions of freedom, liberty and law enshrined in the British Crown and Constitution.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

M. Paul Dufault and his associates give their final concert at the theatre to-night.

According to the Observatory report, less than half an inch of rain fell last night.

A belated London telegram dated 4th instant, relating to the price of silver, mentions "a large coinage business" and states that the market is firm.

On the night of the 28th ult. a band of Chinese robbers attacked the village Tsin-Tuung, in the province of Lu-chow. They were repulsed with a loss of thirty killed and forty wounded.

The business of Share and General Brokers at Shanghai, hitherto carried on by Messrs. Wingrove & Burrows, has been taken over by Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, and Mr. F. J. Burrows has been admitted a partner in the firm.

In reply to an interpellation in the Chinese Parliament concerning the Press report that Great Britain has made a number of demands respecting Tibet, the Government has stated that the report is totally unfounded and Great Britain has declined to take up the matter again since the last triangular conference at Simla.

The third Russian Loan in Japan, the flotation of which has been temporarily suspended owing to the political changes in Russia, is now generally thought feasible. Influential papers express the opinion that there is no cause for apprehension concerning Russian financial credit.

Dr. Wang Ching-jui, the Special Commissioner for the Suppression of Opium, has wired the Government urging that, since the time for complete opium prohibition is due, the various Customs Stations in Kiangsu, Kiangsi, and Kwangtung should be instructed to prohibit the importation of opium from 1st April. The Government is issuing such instructions.

A guest at the King Edward Hotel committed suicide in his bedroom during Saturday night. The deceased was a ship's officer named J. B. Johnson, of the steamer *Laiting*, and appearances pointed to great determination in committing the act. The discovery was made yesterday morning when the door of the room was forced open as no response could be obtained to the knocking.

The Cantonese, says Reuter's correspondent, are disgusted concerning the frequent talk of the appointment of a new Civil Governor for Canton, especially of the re-appointment of Li Kai-hien, Chang Ming-chi and other former Governor. Party leaders here, interviewed, say that they are opposed to the return of Li Kai-hien and favour the continuation of Chu Hing-lan, whose democratic spirit pleases the Cantonese, as Civil Governor.

THE MAGISTRACY.

AN INDIAN SOLDIER CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Before Mr. J. B. Wood this morning an Indian private in the 8th Company of the 74th Punjabis pleaded not guilty to the charge of stealing a roll of silk, valued at \$15, from a shop at No. 40, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

According to the shopkeeper, who appeared as complainant, the defendant entered his shop yesterday morning, took a roll of silk out of a show case, stuck it under his jacket and walked out of the shop. The complainant saw this alleged theft and shouted "Steal things." He and his apprentice then ran after the defendant and caught him about 50 yards from the shop. Inspector Gordon and Sergeant Cagill chanced to be passing at the time and the complainant informed them of the alleged theft. Upon discovering the roll of silk under the defendant's jacket, Sergeant Cagill charged the soldier at the Water Police Station and delivered him into the custody of a military escort.

The defendant, however, stated that he entered the shop and sat down there for a half hour waiting to be attended to. As no one appeared to wait on him he took the roll of silk out of the show case and carried it as far as the shop door in order to look at it. The complainant then rushed up to him, seized him and dragged him into the road.

When asked by the Magistrate whether he had any money at the time of the alleged theft, the defendant replied that he had ten dollars but after his arrest he gave the money to an Indian sergeant in the Military Guard Room.

Evidence was then heard and his Worship adjourned the case until to-morrow morning in order that inquiries could be made as regards the ten dollars alleged to have been in the defendant's possession previous to his arrest.

ATTEMPTING TO IMPORT JEWELLERY.

The assistant compradore of the *Kim Sang* appeared before Mr. Wood this morning in answer to the charge of attempting to import into the Colony, 54 white metal leg ornaments, valued at ten dollars, and 200 silver watch chains valued at \$30.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined \$25 with the alternative of one month's hard labour. His Worship ordered the jewellery to be confiscated.

THEFT OF SHOES.

An Indian was sentenced to a month's hard labour for stealing a pair of shoes from a watchman on the *Sooka Maru*.

ATTEMPTING TO EXPORT SILVER DOLLARS.

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning a Chinese was charged with attempting to export 60 silver dollars by the *Haitan*. The defendant pleaded guilty to the offence and the Magistrate ordered that the money be forfeited.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. A. Wilden, the newly-appointed Consul-General for France at Shanghai, was expected to reach there last week. The present acting Consul-General, Mr. E. Naggier, is going home on leave.

Mr. J. MacD. Russell, who has been British Postmaster in Shanghai for the past two years, left the Northern port last week by the *s.s. Empress of Japan* for Canada. Mr. Russell has been 20 years in the British Postal service, and he is retiring owing to ill-health.

Restrictions have been imposed on telegrams to the Philippines and Hawaiian Territory (Sandwich Islands). An announcement by the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Cable Company states that all telegrams to these places are accepted only at sender's risk. Private telegrams for the Philippines and for Honolulu &c. must be written exclusively in English. They must bear plain and sufficiently full addresses and plain (proper name) signatures. Those for Hawaiian Territory beyond Honolulu will be forwarded thence by mail, the wireless service being closed.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tse Fat Po's Service.)

CHINA AND THE WAR.

PEKING, March 8.
Most of the members of the Cabinet are in favour of China following the United States by entering the war against Germany.

THE SALT REVENUE.

PEKING, March 8.
Last month's salt surplus reached the record sum of 51 million dollars.

THE OPIUM STOCKS.

PEKING, March 8.
The Cabinet has accepted the decision of Parliament to cancel the Agreement made by the Vice-President for the purchase of the Opium stocks at Shanghai.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S DUFALT CONCERT.

The Paul Dufault concert on Saturday night was given to a somewhat larger audience. M. Dufault received something approaching an ovation after his rendering of "Lorraine, Lorraine, Lorraine" which he sang to perfection. The gifted tenor kindly responded with a repetition of his previous success "The Trumpeter," by special request. Also by special request, at the conclusion M. Dufault again sang the "Marseillaise." In the duets with Miss Bindley both vocalists roused the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm and they kindly responded with a repetition of their previous evening's triumph, the duet from Carmen. Miss Bindley's solo efforts were heartily applauded. Particularly successful was she in the "Passage Bird's Farewell" in which she delighted the audience with her fine technique. Mr. Ernest Empson accompanied in his usual sympathetic style and his solos, which included a fine rendering of the well known Rachminoff Prelude, greatly pleased the audience, and the pianist was compelled to respond with an extra number.

LAST CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

The closing concert of the Paul Dufault season takes place to-night at the Theatre Royal. The popular singer and his Company sail for Manila to-morrow. For to-night's concert a programme of wide variety and attraction has been prepared. M. Dufault will open with the great aria, "Sound an Alarm" from Judas Macabene, which Mr. Dufault is said to make one of the most thrilling calls to arms ever composed. The tenor's first group of songs includes "Bird of Love Divine," a French song by Debussy; "Mandoline" and a new song, "Inter Nos," said to be a most dramatic composition of the modern school. The second group of ballads comprises the well-known "Meiselsa," another French chanson, and closes with another song new to Hongkong, entitled "Peace Triumphant." The Duet of the evening is a melodious one from De Koven's opera, "Robin Hood." Miss Bindley's contributions include the Polacca from "Mignon." Mr. Empson's numbers include Chopin's Valse Brillante. The booking will be at the Hongkong Hotel to-day till 6 p.m.

THE TERRITORIES DELIVERED FROM THE HUNS.

RELIEF FUND FOR THE HOMELESS POPULATION.

Mr. R. Beau, Consul for France, writes—

The victorious advances of the Allies on the Somme front revealed such astounding declaration imposed on the inhabitants by retreating Germans that we feel it a pressing duty to beg a few farthings for those sorely distressed people. And we do so the more readily because we know the almost unlimited sympathy of the Hongkong community for undeserved sufferers.

The population of the liberated areas in France, or rather what remains of that population, is left without resources and, after 32 months of agony and slavery, have received the liberating Army with the undecipherable joy of people mercilessly tortured.

For these unfortunate and destitute women and children we appeal to the public and we have confidence that we can still beg for them the little piece of money which will save their half-starved life.

Subscriptions may be addressed to the French Consulate or to the French Bank. Acknowledgments of sums received will be made in the Hongkong papers.

THE ANNUAL SHOOTING COMPETITION.

CONTEST FOR THE GOVERNOR'S CUP.

A bright but somewhat oppressive day marked the occasion of the Shooting Competition held under the auspices of the Hongkong Police Reserve at Stonecutter's. Sixty-six marksmen representing the various military, naval and police units in the Colony, competed and the coveted prize, the Governor's Cup, was keenly contested. The winner, Lance-Corporal Goodman of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves, secured the honour by one point only. Corporal Heath, the runner up, lost 5 points at the 200, 300 and 400 yards ranges, but secured the same points as Goodman at the 500 yards. At the 600 yards, however, Corporal Heath made 4 points better than Goodman.

	200	300	400	500	600	Total.
Lance-Corpl. Goodman (H.K.V.R.)	28	32	34	28	26	148
Corpl. Heath (H.K.V.C.)	32	25	32	28	30	147
C.M.S. Sgt. Black (R.E.)	28	27	32	29	26	143
Sergeant Grimmett (H.K.P.)	27	28	31	27	28	141
Chief Petty Officer Cree (R.N.)	32	21	30	27	30	140
A.S.P. Francis (H.K.P.R.)	26	25	32	29	25	139
Inspector Grant (H.K.P.)	26	21	32	30	28	137
Pte. Kelly (H.M.L.)	28	20	32	27	28	135
Corpl. Gummer (R.E.)	27	28	29	25	28	135
Mr. Elson (Dockyard)	26	23	30	24	28	134
Harbinger Mr. Abdul Ali (18th Infantry)	26	29	31	28	10	134
Sergeant Mann (H.K.V.C.)	27	22	31	20	24	133
Pte. Agdekins (H.K.V.R.)	29	10	33	28	28	133
Landing Signaller Kestley (R.N.)	30	21	31	28	22	132
Harbinger Nand Singh (74th Punjabis)	25	21	31	28	29	132
Bandmaster Chibbar (74th Punjabis)	26	21	25	28	27	132
Chief Inspector Sirdar Khan (H.K.P.R.)	28	25	27	28	24	132
Sergeant Waterson (H.M.L.)	24	21	30	27	20	131
Mr. Wright (Dockyard)	20	22	27	25	28	131
Lt. Naik Imamuddin Khan (18th Infantry)	25	28	32	26	20	131
Tramper Ralph (H.K.P.R.)	24	10	27	27	24	131
Mr. Black (Dockyard)	20	22	32	28	19	131
Mr. Drew (Dockyard)	20	24	27	24	27	131
C.M.S. Mackay (H.K.H.R.)	21	18	30	30	21	130
Sergeant Cosmo (R.E.)	26	20	29	27	24	129
Sergeant House (H.M.L.)	27	21	31	25	23	129
Harbinger Fatch Mohd (74th Punjabis)	28	20	31	32	25	129
Drummer Buljia Khan (18th Infantry)	28	24	30	27	22	129
Mr. Sears (Dockyard)	23	22	32	28	24	129
Petty Officer Edmunds (R.N.)	22	27	28	22	29	128
Chief Inspector Lamont (H.K.P.R.)	44	20	30	35	20	128
Petty Officer Leach (R.N.)	10	25	30	28	15	127
Captain Taylor (R.G.A.)	20	20	28	27	30	127
C.M.S. Williams (R.E.)	27	24	27	27	21	127
Sergeant Sher Mohd (74th Punjabis)	27	22	28	24	25	126
Sergeant Sutherland (H.K.V.C.)	27	25	25	29	28	125
Sergeant Whitelaw (H.K.H.R.)	20	35	31	20	10	124
Naik Narayan Singh (74th Punjabis)	20	29	30	25	17	123
Corpl. Carpentier (H.K.V.R.)	31	28	28	24	12	123
Pte. W. Anderson (H.K.V.R.)	33	22	31	27	10	123
Sergeant Pitt (H.K.F.)	29	25	28	21	13	121
Tramper Hodge (H.K.P.R.)	22	19	32	25	23	121
Subadar Niaz Ahmad Khan (18th Infantry)	25	21	27	21	28	120
Naik Faydar (18th Infantry)	25	20	25	28	21	119
C.M.S. Sgt. Dawson (H.K.V.R.)	25	20	28	27	17	117
Lt. Naik Karen Dud (74th Punjabis)	15	18	20	28	24	115
Sergeant Puroshan (74th Punjabis)	22	20	29	25	19	115
Landing Signaller Kestley (R.N.)	24	21	23	23	23	114
C.M. Sgt. Major Heath (R.G.A.)	21	20	30	23	20	114
Subadar Bhagat Singh (74th Punjabis)	23	24	22	18	15	113
Sergeant Dilwar Ali Khan (18th Infantry)	21	17	26	21	28	113
Sergeant Bannerman (H.K.V.R.)	26	20	23	23	21	113
Harbinger Birad Ram (74th Punjabis)	27	10	30	26	11	113
Sergeant Nrudin Khan (18th Infantry)	20	20	22	20	21	111
Pte. D. Keith (H.K.V.R.)	33	18	28	25	10	111
Sergeant Perkins (H.K.P.)	10	18	24	25	24	110
P.C. Cave (H.K.P.)	23	16	26	25	20	110
C.M.S. Brouton (R.G.A.)	26	21	21	23	18	109
Sergeant Merrifield (R.G.A.)	23	19	25	23	14	102
Harbinger Nafi Takhsh (18th Infantry)	25	20	28	14	15	102
Warder Gast (Gael)	20	20	25	13	16	90
Corpl. Ramskill (R.E.)	10	20	26	10	9	85
Corpl. Lyon (H.K.V.R.)	24	21	22	retired.		
P.C. Mohamed (H.K.P.)	17	14	20	retired.		
Sergeant Bradbury (H.K.V.C.)	20	10	retired.			
Lieut. Thornhill (H.K.V.R.)	24	18	retired.			

The shoot was under Bisley rules with seven shots and one sighting shot at 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 yards, deliberate firing. In the early part of the match, the sun interfered somewhat and caused some rather wild shooting. Although there was a shifty breeze it was not sufficient to disconcert a good marksman. Goodman had the misfortune to score a miss at the 600 yards range; due to

TELEGRAMS.

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HOLLAND AND BRITAIN.

A GRAVE DISCUSSION.

THE ARMED MERCHANTMEN QUESTION.

AMSTERDAM, April 8. The Dutch Government has finally informed the British Government that it will not allow armed merchantmen to enter Dutch ports. It is unknown what steps Great Britain will now take.

The matter formed the subject of a grave discussion between Great Britain and Holland.

LATER.

The Dutch Government has informed Great Britain that it adheres to the decision not to admit armed merchantmen into Dutch ports.

In the meantime, Great Britain has agreed to release the Dutch armed vessels at Halifax and allow them to proceed homewards without a British port.

THE "NEW AGE" TO COME IN GERMANY.

KAISER ON ELECTORAL REFORM.

AMSTERDAM, April 8. A Berlin telegram states that the Kaiser has requested Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg to submit proposals for electoral reform in Prussia to be applied after the war.

The Kaiser says that the national and social spirit of the German people has become reconciled in the bitter fight in self-defence. This is certainly worth fighting for. The achievements of the nation in battle and privation have introduced a new time and it devolves upon the Chancellor to assist in obtaining the fulfilment of the demands of the age, at the right time, and shape the political life in order to make room for a free joyful co-operation of all members of the people. "Conscious," the Kaiser says, "that I am following the path of my grandfather in maintaining the fighting force as the real people's army and promoting the social life of the people while holding in a just balance the People and the Monarchy, I am resolved to begin building up the internal economic and social life as soon as the war situation allows. While millions of our countrymen are fighting a conflict of opinions behind the front is unavoidable. Such a far-reaching change of constitution must be postponed until the homecoming of the warriors to enable them to join in counsel and in voting on the progress of the New Age." The Kaiser continued: "In order that, at the happy conclusion of the war, which I confidently hope is not far away, all that which is necessary and appropriate in this respect can be done at once, I desire that the preparations be immediately concluded. The reform in Prussia of the land tax and the liberation of our entire inner political life is dearest to my heart. At my request the preparatory work for reform of the electoral law in the Lower House of the Diet had already begun on the outbreak of war. In view of the gigantic deeds of the people there is no room, in my opinion, in Prussia for class electoral law. The Bill will have to provide for the direct and secret election of Deputies."

AN AMERICAN LOAN TO THE ENTENTE.

WASHINGTON, April 8. At a conference between Mr. McAdoo and the democratic leaders of Congress, it was decided to submit to Congress, early in the week, legislation with a view to an immediate loan to the Entente. The amount has not yet been determined upon, but it will probably approximate \$2,000,000,000.

It is reported that the plan is to lend the proceeds of Bonds to the Allies at the same rate of interest as the United States has to pay. Therefore no profit will accrue to the United States on the transaction.

CUBA DECLARES WAR.

HAVANA, April 8. The Senate has unanimously decided that a state of war exists between Cuba and Germany.

LATER.

The House of Representatives also unanimously passed the war resolution.

ITALY'S MESSAGE TO AMERICA.

ROME, April 8.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs has telegraphed to Mr. Lansing, conveying the applause and admiration with which the whole Italian nation has greeted the entry of America into the War. He says: "In the bitter struggle for the welfare of modern civilisation, for which Italy and the Allies are straining every nerve, it was felt that the North American Republic would not fail us, as she has always been faithful to the deathless principles of liberty and justice which the Federal Government has once again so triumphantly proclaimed."

RUSSIAN CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

PETROGRAD, April 8.

The Congress of the Constitutional Democratic party, which is a strong political organisation, has opened.

The President appealed for support of the authority of the Provisional Government until the convocation of the Constituent Assembly.

After speakers had advocated the renunciation of the party principle favouring constitutional monarchy, the Congress unanimously passed a resolution that Russia should be a democratic and a parliamentary republic.

The adherence to the watchword "War until final victory" was proposed with a sympathetic reference to the Allies and the entry of the United States into the war.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BRITISH PROGRESS.

GREAT AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, April 7.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We progressed at a number of points between Selency and Jeancourt, and reached the outskirts of Fresnoy le Petit. Our aeroplanes during the 5th and 6th inst. were continually harassing enemy communications and seeking out his fighting machines from a considerable distance to the rear. 1,700 photographs were taken of the enemy's country many miles to the rear, and despite repeated attempts to prevent co-operation our artillery was unimpeded.

Seventeen successful bomb raids were carried out on enemy aerodromes, ammunition depots and railways at a long distance, nearly eight tons of bombs being dropped. During the whole time there was intense fighting in large formations. Twenty-eight of our machines are missing, many of which are known to have been shot down. Fifteen hostile machines were driven down and actually seen to crash. Thirty-one others were driven down and damaged, the large majority of which were undoubtedly destroyed, while two hostile balloons were brought down in flames.

SHELLS EXPLODE AT ESSEN.

AMSTERDAM, April 8. The *Telegraph* says that an explosion of shells at Essen thirty-eight persons have been seriously injured.

KING'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

LONDON, April 7.

The Press Bureau announces that the King has telegraphed to President Wilson:—

"I desire on behalf of the Empire to offer heartfelt congratulations to the United States on its entry into the war for the great ideals indicated in the speech to Congress. The moral and the material results of the national declaration will be incalculable and civilisation would owe much to the decision which has been arrived at in the greatest crisis of the world's history."

GERMAN GUNBOAT BLOWN UP AT GUAM.

CREW REFUSE TO SURRENDER.

WASHINGTON, April 7. The German gunboat *Cormoran*, which was interned at Guam, refused to surrender and was blown up by her crew. Two German warrant officers and five of the crew were killed by the explosion. Twenty officers, twelve warrant officers and 321 men were made prisoners.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AT VIENNA.

AMSTERDAM, April 7. The American Ambassador at Vienna has demanded his passport.

GERMAN PROTEST.

AMSTERDAM, April 7. Germany has protested against Count Bernstorff's treatment at Halifax on his homeward voyage.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

A PROTEST BY RUSSIAN ARMY DELEGATES.

PETROGRAD, April 7.

Delegates from the First Army at the front, the Black Sea fleet and the Sevastopol garrison were introduced to the Duma and presented resolutions protesting against the interference of the Council of Workmen and soldiers with military affairs which is causing many misunderstandings regarding the allegiance due to the Provisional Government. Only the great battles in a month's time would decide whether Russia would be free or crushed and officers and Government must unite.

M. Rodzianko replying said that all must rally round the Provisional Government to secure victory. Let the reverse on the Stokholms be a warning: "Citizens! to work; enough of dissensions, the country is in danger."

IF THE GERMANS DETHRONE THE EMPEROR.

PETROGRAD, April 7.

M. Kerensky, the Socialist Minister of Justice, has stated that if the German socialists were hoping that he and his colleague M. Tchekidze would assist to conclude a separate peace they would be rudely disappointed, but if on the other hand the Germans dethroned the Emperor it would facilitate negotiations because peoples come to an understanding quicker than monarchs, who were answerable for the cruel carnage.

GENERAL IVANOFF SWEARS FIDELITY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

General Ivanoff has sworn fidelity to the Government and has been released under surveillance.

On the 6th of April, at Don Cosack, the former Imperial body guard, and other Cosack units with artillery paraded in the city and presented an address of loyalty to the Government. They laid wreaths on the graves of the revolutionary victims. They were afterwards reviewed by Colonel Korniloff. They halted outside the British Embassy and cheered Sir George Buchanan who came out on to the balcony. He then received a deputation headed by the Colonel. There were most enthusiastic send-offs to the troops at Samara, Rybinsk and other towns.

AMERICAN MESSAGE TO RUSSIA.

THE NEED OF INTERNAL CONCORD.

WASHINGTON, April 8.

Mr. Lansing, in instructing the American Ambassador at Petrograd to inform the Russian Government of America's entry into the war, tells him to say to the Foreign Minister that America rejoices in the new tie of amity created by the Russian revolution, and ardently hopes that the Russian nation will realise the need of internal concord with a view to vanquishing for ever a despotism which, by violence and machination, menaces the Russian democracy.

THE KING'S PERSONALITY.

LECTURE BY SIR CHARLES LUCAS.

LONDON, April 7.

Sir Charles Lucas, in a lecture on "Place Names of the Empire" before the members of the Royal Institute at the Caxton Hall, said the frequent use of Royal titles in names of the British Empire places names told the whole world that our Empire was the product of a monarchy and that the people of the Empire took pains to advertise the fact. It could not be too much emphasised that the Crown was a very good asset to the Empire. The more widely spread an Empire was the more important was it to personify the whole in one central figure, the Sovereign. The King stood for the British race and the continuity of the Empire and there was hardly a subject of the King who knew personally so much of the Empire as His Majesty himself.

Mr. W. P. Schreiner, the High Commissioner for South Africa, who presided, emphasised the necessity for a central personality in the King. This great war had clearly shown how the existence of a King attracted men from all parts of the Empire to cluster round and fight for his personality. There would be a great danger of the Empire splitting asunder without such a central personality. Within the borders of this little island there could not be found anything like the sentimental devotion and loyal admiration for the King which could be found in far lying places of the Empire and when representatives were meeting in the Imperial Cabinet they could not recognise this fact too clearly.

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BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unusual looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

ANOTHER BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP SUNK.

COPENHAGEN, April 8.

The Norwegian steamer *Cunilla*, with Belgian relief grain, has been sunk without warning. There were nine survivors. Two corpses landed were five days in an open boat.

DANISH STEAMER SUNK.

LYNCHEN, April 7.

The steamer *Borne* has arrived with the crew of seventeen of the Danish steamer *Estor* which was torpedoed on April 1. The crew were four days and nights in boats and four had their feet frozen.

BRITISH SUBJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

MAY NOW ENLIST.

WASHINGTON, April 8.

America's entry into the war will enable Britishers in the United States to enlist in the British Army, they having been hitherto prevented by the Neutrality laws.

SINGAPORE AND THE RUBBER INDUSTRY.

Mr. F. L. Tondin, Chairman of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce in the course of a speech at the annual meeting of the Chamber last week said:—

By arrangement with the Rubber Association the chamber has, in addition to the Exchange Room, now handed over the smaller rooms, which formerly constituted the secretary's offices, to the Association for use as sample rooms. This is undoubtedly a step in the right direction, but the chamber has ever in mind the growing importance of the business in rubber to the Colony, and at the conclusion of war the question of suitable accommodation should again be gone into.

With the exception of a temporary setback in the autumn, exchange ruled firm throughout the year. The continuing rise in the price of silver caused some uneasiness, but it was generally thought that Government would take whatever steps might be necessary to protect the Colony's silver reserves and a reaction in the price to a lower level has made the position more comfortable. The exchange difficulties in India have been watched with some anxiety as the state of affairs there hampers our business with the Peninsula, and it is to be hoped that the Government of India will be able to restore normal conditions before long.

Generally speaking trade throughout the year has been good, although it is very doubtful whether results have been so profitable as during the preceding twelve months. This may be accounted for by the irregularity of tonnage and a shortage which, towards the end of the year, became acute. At a time when the stress of war is being generally felt we in Singapore are fortunately placed as regards our trade.

This favourable position is due, I think, to our having our back two essential war commodities viz. rubber and tin. In regard to the former article I would like to quote a competent authority with whose view I think you will agree. There seems a gradually growing perception of the importance of the rubber trade as an imperial asset. British control of plantation rubber must have been a most—if not the most—important weapon in the Imperial Government had in commercial negotiations with the United States.

The total exports of produce show that 257,000 tons were shipped in 1916 as compared with 206,000 tons in 1915, a pre-war year. The two articles that chiefly call for comment are rubber and copra. As compared with 1915 rubber shipments show the enormous increase of 60 per cent, whilst copra shows a falling off of 12 per cent. I would, however, remark in connection with the latter commodity that 1916 was what is known as a small producing year and you will surmise that the shortage of rubber, which this was perhaps rather a fortunate circumstance than otherwise.

SOME STRIKING FIGURES.

A feature of our export trade brought about by the war has been the large increase in the quantity of produce—principally rubber and tin—shipped to America across the Pacific. The figures of shipments during the past four years are striking:

1915	...	2,800 tons
1914	...	3,500 "
1913	...	13,000 "
1912	...	15,200 "

As regards tonnage the Straits Home-ward Conference carried from Singapore during the year, 198,000 scale tons, whilst the New York Conference lifted 72,000 scale tons. These figures show a serious falling off.

With regard to imports the market has had a very successful year. Prices as a whole have risen steadily without any setback occurring and merchants and dealers have been able to secure good margins on their transactions.

CONDITIONS AT CANTON.

TROOPS TO BE PAID.

The pay of the troops being six months in arrears the Commanders have met and compelled the Governor to consent to instruct the Chief of the Financial Bureau to pay \$440,000 a month for three months until all the arrears have been paid off. This time the Civil officials will get eighty per cent of their regular pay.

The troops will not accept paper-money but require to be paid in specie.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

BOWEL complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CHINA IMPORT AND EXPORT LUMBER CO., LTD.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the China Import and Export Lumber Co., Ltd., was held at company's offices, 6 Kiukiang Road, Shanghai on March 29. Mr. H. E. Arnold presided, and there were present: Messrs. W. S. Jackson, C. W. Wrightson, directors; Mr. G. L. Seitz, general agent and manager; Mr. E. H. Grooms, secretary, and shareholders representing 1,112 shares.

The Chairman, in the course of his address, said: During the past year the average volume of building trade in China has been below normal, and the Government business, which constitutes one of the important items of the company's operations, has not been satisfactory.

Demand at Shanghai, however, has been good, and the Company's sawmill plant and dry kilns have helped to increase the percentage of trade handled owing to the facilities offered the building trade in the supply of high grade stock as required for superior construction work. The larger part of the profit earned during the past year has been derived from the sub-chartering of tonnage and handling of general cargo on the company's chartered vessels on the Pacific. Had it not been for the satisfactory returns from this department of our working, the profits of the company during last year would not have been so much above normal.

Under facilities it is to be noted that the overdraft with our bankers is somewhat greater than in the previous year which is due to the large stocks carried and also the heavier amount due the company by sundry debtors. Collections during March have, however, reduced our overdraft materially. The reserve funds have been increased to Tls. 130,000 for ordinary, and Tls. 100,000 for special, while the fund for equalization of dividends stands at Tls. 50,000. If the shareholders approve of the recommendation of the board to place a further Tls. 50,000 out of the profit of last year's working to the reserve for equalization of dividends, thus raising this fund to Tls. 100,000, the total reserves of the company will then amount to Tls. 350,000.

Our balance at credit of profit and loss account available for distribution is Tls. 144,862.55, which your directors recommend to be appropriated as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 8 per cent. absorbing	32,000.00
Pay a bonus of Tls. 12 per share, absorbing	48,000.00
Transfer to reserve fund for equalization of dividends	50,000.00
To war funds, to be distributed at the discretion of H. B. M. Consul-General	4,000.00
Carry forward to new account	10,862.55
	144,862.55

The proposal to contribute Tls. 4,000 to War Funds is one which your board trusts will meet with your approval.

The Report and Accounts were adopted and the distribution of profits approved as recommended by the Directors.

NEW CATHEDRAL IN CHEKIANG.

An interesting function took place here on Tuesday, March 27, when the Right Rev. Bishop Molony consecrated the Cathedral of the Chekiang Diocese of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

The building is an enlargement of the Church Missionary Society's old church, built some forty years ago by the late Bishop Russell and is situated near the North Gate of the city.

The Bishop was supported by his two Archdeacons, the Ven. W. S. Moule and S. T. Sing and eleven clergy, Chinese and foreign. Two services were combined, i.e. the consecration of the building and the induction of the new Chinese Pastor, the Rev. K. S. Kyiu, and the congregation of over 600 local Christians of various denominations assembled bore witness to the excellent feeling existing between the different churches working in this area.

Two special features of the Cathedral may be mentioned, one the existence of a large cement tank, sunk in the centre of the floor for the immersion of those who prefer that form of the rite; and the other, the various details of church furniture, which have been given in memory of relatives who have fallen in the war, or whom it is specially desired to remember for other reasons, and plates are affixed to the pulpit, reading desk, stalls, and communion rails in grateful memory of the departed.—*N. C. Daily News.*

SUCCESS OF THE CHINESE STAMP TAX.

A REVENUE OF \$9,000,000.

The Stamp Tax, which has proved to be such a successful source of revenue for the central treasury, was first introduced and enforced in 1913. The provincial officials, acting under the instructions of the Central Government, have energetically pushed the sale of the stamps throughout the Republic. For the year 1915, the proceeds netted \$3,600,000.

Last winter, a special department was created in the Ministry of Finance further to increase the revenue from this source. It was estimated by the Budget Committee this about \$6,800,000 would be derived during 1916, but the returns from the provinces show an aggregate of more than \$9,700,000.

It is anticipated that with the addition of the amounts disposed through the Central Government organs, such as the Maritime and Native Customs, the salt offices, etc., the total amount realized will reach the sum of \$9,000,000, which is highly gratifying considering the short time that the system has been enforced.—*Peking Daily News.*

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The mild and soothing influence which this preparation has classes it among the most valuable of its kind, in cases of Cough, Asthma, Bronchitis, Shortness of Breathing, or Difficulty of Expectoration; and while it removes the accumulation of phlegm, from its Tonic and Astringent virtues it prevents its formation, and allays irritation of the membranes of the throat, and chest, rendering those delicate parts less susceptible of future irritation and disease.

DOSE.—From ten drops to one tea-spoonful according to age and circumstances, to be taken three or four times a day, or when the Cough is troublesome.

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THE FRENCH-CANADIAN TENOR,

PAUL DUBAULT

Assisted by

PAULINE BINDLEY, SOPRANO.

ERNEST EMFSON, PIANIST.

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PAUL DUBAULT Sings:

SOUND AN ALARM (Judas Maccabees) Handel

BIRD OF LOVE (Divine) Debussy

MANDOLINE MacFadyen

MYSTIC Goetz

MELODIA Massenet

OUVERTURE YEUX BLEUS Marshall

PEACE TRIUMPHAL De Koven

and with Miss Bindley

DUET from ROBIN HOOD De Koven

BOOKING AT HONGKONG HOTEL.

TO-DAY from 12 till 6 P.M.

CONTROL OF GERMAN BOATS ON THE HUANGPU.

The following notice has been issued from the Harbour Master's office to owners of small German vessels in Shanghai harbour:—

At the request of Rear-Admiral P. Y. Lin, Chinese Navy, I append for your information the Naval Police Regulations for the control of small German vessels in Shanghai harbour:—

1. German owned steam launches, motor-boats, yachts, and house-boats now in Shanghai harbour are in the absence of instructions to the contrary, permitted to be used as before the breach of relations between China and Germany.
2. They shall register forthwith at the Shanghai Harbour Office in the form presented by that office.
3. They shall not fly the German flag.
4. They are subject to be boarded and searched by a Chinese naval commission officer in uniform or by a member of the Customs River Police.

A Bill has been introduced in the Chinese Senate, proposing the erection of a bronze statue to the late Mr. John Hay, the former American Secretary of State, in appreciation of his services to China in connection with the adoption of the "Open Door" policy and also the return part of the American share of the Boxer indemnity in order to promote education in China.

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THE fame of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is world-wide. It is the best remedy for the distressed stomach of the adult or the crying and whooping cough of the children. The same bottle serves the whole family. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CONTRADICTION GERMAN LIES.
MARITIME CAMPAIGN AND
BRITISH EXPORTS TO
CHINA.

The British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, is issuing in English and Chinese, the following timely leaflet, headed "British Shipping".

As the German ships in China have special reports that owing to the submarine campaign there will be no Allied ships leaving China from Europe and it is probable that such malicious lies may be used to influence Chinese merchants who, acting on their belief that further Allied ships will be sent from the Allies, may thus be involved in ruinous speculation, it is desirable to warn Chinese merchants that there is no probability whatever of any serious stoppage of Allied shipping into Chinese ports. His Majesty's Government, knowing the recent losses of our merchant ships, publishes each week the numbers of vessels entered and cleared at ports in Great Britain, together with the numbers sunk by submarines, and these facts are telegraphed to the press for public information.

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IMMEDIATE ENTRY, four very comfortable SHOPS situated in Lee Street, opposite the Grand Hotel. Rent reasonable. Apply to THE MANAGER, Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., 10, Connaught Road Central, Hongkong, March 15, 1917. 1578

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OFFICES, Centrally Situated, in Queen's Road. Fitted with electric light, hot and cold water, and all modern conveniences. Apply to THE CHINA MAIL OFFICE, No. 21, Hongkong, March 2, 1917. 1544

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OFFICES, 2nd Floor, St. George's Buildings. Apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Hongkong, April 7, 1917. 511

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NEW HOUSE, containing Six rooms and servants' quarters. Apply to Messrs. DAVID SASSOON & CO. LTD., Hongkong, April 2, 1917. 1530

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OFFICES at 2 Connaught Road. OFFICES in King and York Buildings. HOUSES in Clifton Gardens, Conduit Road. HOUSES in Bradford and Morison Terraces. HOUSES on Shamen, Canton. THE RETREAT No. 58, The Peak. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

TO LET.

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FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES in Gordon Terrace and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon. A FLAT in Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon. TO LET OR FOR SALE. Kowloon Marine Lot 45 with wharf area 15,000 sq. ft. suitable for coal storage or erection of godowns. Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1917.

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16 Feet Motor Boat
Fitted with 25 H.P. Caille Engine which runs on either Kerosene or Gasoline.
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IN WHICH ARE VESTED THE ASSETS OF THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., and THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1914, £23,970,387.

—Authorized Capital £4,000,000.
—Subscribed Capital £4,500,000.
—Paid-up Capital £2,487,500.
—First Funds £3,837,047.
—Life & Annuity Funds £17,667,580.
—Sinking Fund's account £23,970,387.

Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,456.
Life and Annuity Branch £2,141,533.
Revenue Marine Department £37,239.
Other Receipts £473,940.
£23,970,387.

The Accumulated Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.
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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-99.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamou Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

April 10th to 16th, 1917.

Time	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 10	10.10	4.10
Tues. 11	11.20	3.20
Wed. 12	12.30	2.30
Thurs. 13	1.40	1.40
Fri. 14	2.50	0.50
Sat. 15	4.00	0.00
Sun. 16	5.10	0.10

THE FORTY YEAR TEST.

An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first offered to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown in favour and popularity until it has attained a world-wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of more than forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy not only gives relief—it cures. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Barometer	20.86	20.82	20.80
Temperature	67	68	70
Humidity	62	60	59
Direction of Wind	SE	SE	SE
Force	5	4	4
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.12

Lightest, open air temperature on the 8th at 10 a.m. 68°; open air temperature on the 8th at 10 p.m. 75°.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director, Hongkong Observatory, April 9, 1917.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming Mails will not be advertised in future. The Post Office will forward all correspondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia, Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILES OUTWARD.

For	Week-Days	SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Tai Po	5.00 P.M.	9.30 A.M.
Tai Po	10.00 A.M.	9.30 A.M.
Chung Chow	2.00 P.M.	—
Shanghai	4.00 P.M.	—
Aberdeen, Antau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin, Stanley	4.30 P.M.	—

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN BRANCH P.O.

For	Week-Days	SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Macao	7.30 A.M. 7.30 P.M.	7.30 A.M. 7.30 P.M.
Canton	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.
Tai Ping	9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.
Shik Kiu	9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.
Kowloon	8.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.
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In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

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TERRIBLE ITCHING ECZEMA ON HANDS
And Arms to Elbow. Lost Sleep. Also Weeks of Work. Soothed and Healed by Cuticura.

"I suffered from eczema on my hands and arms up to the elbow. It first started between my fingers and when it was at its worst it was fearfully red and with yellow places on it. These places used to run and I was unable to dry and wash off. I lost nights sleep with it and I also lost weeks of work. I tried all remedies, but none did any good till I got a free sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I quickly got relief so I bought more and thus have healed me completely." (Signed) Peter Lutz Lam, 41, Franklin St., South Shields, Eng., July 20, 1915.

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FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Beavers.

Quarter hour	10 cents
Half hour	20
One hour	40
Three hours	1.20
Six hours	2.40
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	\$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 3.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Beavers

Hour	0.90 cents
Three hours	\$1.00
Six hours	1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Beavers		With 4 Beavers	
Quarter hour	\$0.15		\$0.30
Half hour	0.30		0.60
One hour	0.30		0.40
Two hours	1.00		1.50
Three hours	0.70		1.10
Six hours	1.00		1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	1.50		2.00

RICKSHAS.

I.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes	5 cents
Quarter hour <td>10</td>	10
Half hour <td>15</td>	15
One hour <td>20</td>	20
Every subsequent hour <td>20</td>	20

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour	5 cents
Half hour <td>10</td>	10
One hour <td>20</td>	20
Every subsequent hour <td>10</td>	10

III.—Taipei Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the ricksha be engaged for a longer time than the journey to take longer than—

To 4th mile—single 75 cents, 1 hour return 1.00, 2 hours 1.50.

Beyond 4th to 6th mile—single 1.10, 2 hours 1.50, 3 hours 2.00.

Beyond 6th to 8th mile—single 1.20, 2 hours 1.60, 3 hours 2.10.

Beyond 8th to 10th mile—single 1.30, 2 hours 1.70, 3 hours 2.20.

Beyond 10th to 12th mile—single 1.40, 2 hours 1.80, 3 hours 2.30.

Fares for journeys beyond the 12th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

Not exceeding per passenger

From Slaughter House to Salter's Home	04 cents
From Salter's Home to Government Civil Hospital	04
From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower	04
From Clock Tower to Race Course	10
From Clock Tower to Bay View House	12
From Wanchai Market to Bay View House	08
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay	08

II.—In the City of Victoria.

Quarter hour	10 cents
Half hour <td>20</td>	20
One hour <td>40</td>	40
Two hours <td>80</td>	80
Three hours <td>1.20</td>	1.20
Four hours <td>1.60</td>	1.60
Five hours <td>2.00</td>	2.00
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. <td>8.12</td>	8.12

III.—Beyond Victoria.

Quarter hour	10 cents
Half hour <td>20</td>	20
One hour <td>40</td>	40
Two hours <td>80</td>	80
Three hours <td>1.20</td>	1.20
Four hours <td>1.60</td>	1.60
Five hours <td>2.00</td>	2.00
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. <td>8.12</td>	8.12

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 9th at 11.30—No returns from Indo-China. The anticyclone has moved eastward to the south of Japan; pressure has consequently increased considerably in that vicinity and decreased elsewhere, especially along the east coast of China. A depression is indicated to the north of Shanghai.

Moderate south-east winds will prevail over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.42 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.84 inches, against an average of 7.59 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 10th April—

1.—Hongkong to Cap Rock: E. and S.W. winds, moderate to cloudy.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong to Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN APRIL.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of April, 1917.

Date	Ends	Begins
April 9th	5.58 a.m.	6.51 p.m.
" 10th	5.57 "	6.53 "
" 11th	5.56 "	6.53 "
" 12th	5.55 "	6.53 "
" 13th	5.54 "	6.54 "
" 14th	5.53 "	6.54 "
" 15th	5.52 "	6.54 "
" 16th	5.51 "	6.54 "
" 17th	5.51 "	6.54 "
" 18th	5.50 "	6.54 "
" 19th	5.49 "	6.55 "
" 20th	5.48 "	6.56 "
" 21st	5.47 "	6.57 "
" 22nd	5.46 "	6.57 "
" 23rd	5.45 "	6.57 "
" 24th	5.45 "	6.57 "
" 25th	5.44 "	6.57 "
" 26th	5.43 "	6.58 "
" 27th	5.42 "	6.59 "
" 28th	5.41 "	6.59 "
" 29th	5.41 "	6.59 "
" 30th	5.41 "	6.59 "

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

APRIL 9, 1917.—a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Direction of Force	Weather
W'atsook	6 a.	29.91	88	—	—	4 of
Memuro	6 a.	30.01	—	—	—	4 of
Hakodate	6 a.	30.01	—	—	—	4 of
Tokio	6 a.	30.20	—	—	—	1
Kobe	6 a.	30.17	—	—	—	1
Nagasaki	6 a.	30.19	—	—	—	2
Kagoshima	6 a.	30.18	—	—	—	1
Osaka	6 a.	30.04	—	—	—	1
Naha	6 a.	29.98	—	—	—	3
Ishijima	6 a.	29.88	—	—	—	4
Bonin Island	6 a.	30.14	—	—	—	1
Chetoo	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—
Wei-hai-wei	6 a.	29.75	80	89	W	6 of
Shanghai	6 a.	29.88	88	—	—	—
Tientsin	6 a.	29.88	88	—	—	—
Yanchow	6 a.	29.88	88	—	—	—
Kobe	6 a.	29.88	88	—	—	—
Kiushu	6 a.	29.88	88	—	—	—
Changsha	6 a.	29.88	88	—	—	—
Shanghai	6 a.	29.81	84	85	SE	1 of
Gutaif	6 a.	29.80	82	93	SE	1 of
Sharp Pk.	6 a.	29.87	80	88	W	1 of
Amoy	6 a.	29.88	82	90	W	1 of
Swatow	6 a.	29.88	82	90	W	1 of
Taihou	6 a.	29.88	82	90	W	1 of
Tainan	6 a.	29.88	82	90	W	1 of
Keshun	6 a.	29.88	82	90	W	1 of
Pescadore	6 a.	29.88	82	90	W	1 of
Canton	6 a.	29.88	82	90	W	1 of
Hongkong	6 a.	29.88	82	90	W	1 of
Gap Rock	6 a.	29.88	82	90	W	1 of
Macao	6 a.	29.81	88	94	SE	2 of
Wuchow	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—
Kailash	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—
Phu Lien	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—
Tourane	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. James	6 a.	29.79	75	85	SE	4 of
Dagupan	6 a.	29.76	75	85	SE	4 of
Manila	6 a.	29.79	73	88	—	—
Legaspi	6 a.	29.78	77	91	—	—
Tacloban	6 a.	29.78	82	86	SE	2 of
Iloilo	6 a.	29.75	81	89	SE	2 of
Surigao	6 a.	29.71	78	84	SE	2 of
Labuan	6 a.	29.71	78	84	SE	2 of

T. F. CLAXTON, Director, Hongkong Observatory, April 9, 1917.

1. BAROMETRE, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing shower, q equal, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew, wet.

7. RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

SHARE REPORT.

APRIL 5th, 1917.

Stock and paid up Value.	Quoted 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Rate, based on 10 years' div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & Shanghai \$125	\$705 b. & sa.	Final of 22-3/4 making 24-6 for 1916 and bonus of 10% subject to deduction of income tax	6 1/2 p.c.
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Canton \$50	\$373 b.	\$7 final making \$25 a/c 1914 and Interim of \$15 a/c 1915.	6 1/2 p.c.
North China \$25	T. 166	Final div. of 15% making 27 1/2 a/c 1915.	6 1/2 p.c.
Unions \$100	\$910 sa.	Interim of \$30 a/c 1915.	6 1/2 p.c.
Yangtze \$60	\$233	Final of \$15 making \$18 for 1914 and int. of \$6 a/c account 1915	7 1/2 p.c.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fire \$20	\$155 b.	\$7 and bonus \$3 for 1914.	5 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Fire \$50	\$332 1/2 b.	\$27 for 1915	7 p.c.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships \$50	\$86 b.	\$1 final making \$5 and \$5 bonus making \$10 a/c 1915-16	14 p.c.
Steamboats \$15	\$18 b. & sa.	\$1.25 for 1915	6 1/2 p.c.
INDO-CHINA.			
Indo-China (Preferred) \$25	\$411	Interim of 3% a/c 1915.	6 p.c.
(Deferred) \$25	\$127 sa.	Interim of 10% a/c 1915.	8 p.c.
"Shell" Transport \$1	\$103/4	2 1/2 int. a/c 1916 Coupon 27	7 p.c.
"Star Ferry" \$10	\$33 b.	\$1.65 dividend & 45 sta. Bonus for year ending 30/4/16	6 1/2 p.c.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugars \$100	\$114	\$12 for 1915	10 p.c.
Malacca Sugars P. 30	\$31 b.	P. 5 for 1915	13 1/2 p.c.
MINING.			
Kailash \$21	36/4	Final div. 5% free of income tax, making 10% a/c 1915-1916 coupon No. 8	5 p.c.
Langkat \$10	T. 18 1/2 b.	Tla. 1 for 1915	
Ranah \$21	\$2.15 b.		
Tromah Mines \$21	27/8 a.	1/- interim making 4/- a/c 1915	13 p.c.
Ural Caspian \$21	28/-	9 % for 1915	
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong Wharves \$60	\$31 sa.	5 % for 1916 & bonus \$2	7 1/2 p.c.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks \$50	\$121 1/2 b.	Final \$2.50 & bonus \$5, making \$11 a/c 1915.	9 p.c.
Shanghai Docks T. 100	T. 90 s.	Tla. 7 1/2 for year ending 30/4/16	8 1/2 p.c.
HOTELS LANDS AND BUILDINGS.			
Hongkong Hotels \$50	\$108	Final of \$3 making \$6 a/c 1916	6 p.c.
Central Estates \$100	\$95 b.	\$7 a/c 1916.	7 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Lands \$100	\$98 b.	Final div. of \$3 1/2 making \$7 a/c 1916.	7 1/2 p.c.
Humphreys Estates \$10	\$6 1/2 b.	50 cents for 1915	7 1/2 p.c.
Kowloon Lands \$30	\$33	\$2 for 1915	7 p.c.
West Point \$50	\$75 b. & sa.	Final \$3.25, making \$5.25 a/c 1916	7 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Lands T. 50	T. 92	5 % final making 12 % a/c 1916	8 1/2 p.c.
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewos \$50	T. 14 1/2	Tla. 9 for year ending 31/10/16	8 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Cottons T. 50	T. 117	Tla. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-6-16.	5 p.c.
Kung Yik \$10	T. 13	Tla. 0.80 for 1916	7 p.c.
Yingmepoo T. 5	T. 5		
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneo \$12	\$8 b.	72 cts. for 1915.	9 p.c.
Light & Powers \$5	\$4 1/2 b.	6 p.c. for year ending 23-2-06	
China-Provident \$10	\$8	70 cents for 1915	8 1/2 p.c.
Dry Farms \$5	\$23 1/2 b.	\$3 for year ending 31-7-16	12 1/2 p.c.
Green Islands \$7 1/2	\$8.55 sa.	80 cents for 1915	9 p.c.
Hongkong Electric \$10	\$49 1/2 b.	\$2 1/2 for 1915/1916	4 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Ice \$2	\$15 1/2	\$11 on a/c 1916	7 p.c.
Hongkong Ropes \$10	\$20	\$1 final and bonus \$1, making \$3	10 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Tramways \$1/2	\$7.40 a.	23 % final a/c 1916 Pending (cents 48 per share)	8 1/2 p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry \$10			
Peak Tramways \$10	\$9.80		
do. (new) \$1	\$1	7 % for 1915/1916	7 p.c.
Steam Laundry \$5	\$3.40	25 cents for 1915/1916	6 1/2 p.c.
Union Waterboats \$10	\$16 1/2 sa.	12 1/2 % for 1915	8 p.c.
Watsons \$10	\$6 1/2	70 cents for 1915	
William Powell \$2	\$48 b.	50 cents for 1915/1916	10 p.c.
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